

Commission for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) 2005 Annual Report

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CRSPPP was comprised of 7 females and 2 males, among these were one Asian-American woman and one Latina.

The following activities were conducted in 2005:

CRSPPP held its annual meeting on May 21-22, 2005, at which time it discussed and acted upon petitions for the continued recognition of specialties in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Child Psychology, Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, and Psychoanalysis. In addition, CRSPPP discussed and acted upon a petition for the continued recognition of a proficiency in Biofeedback: Applied Psychophysiology. The following recommendations and actions were taken by CRSPPP in 2005 related to the various petitions:

On the recommendation of CRSPPP, the Council of Representatives was asked to approve, at its August 2005 meeting, the renewal of recognition of specialties in professional psychology in the following: Clinical Psychology, Clinical Child Psychology, Counseling Psychology, and School Psychology. The Council approved the continued recognition of these specialties for a period of seven years, to be reviewed again in 2012.

Psychoanalysis: On the recommendation of CRSPPP, the Council of Representatives was asked to approve, at its August 2005 meeting, the continued recognition of Psychoanalysis as a specialty in professional psychology for a probationary period of one year, until August 2006. It is anticipated that CRSPPP will review the petition for renewal of recognition of Psychoanalysis at its May 2006 meeting.

Biofeedback: Applied Psychophysiology: On the recommendation of CRSPPP, the Council of Representatives was asked to approve, at its August 2005 meeting, the renewal of recognition of Biofeedback: Applied Psychophysiology as a proficiency in professional psychology. The Council approved the continued recognition of the proficiency for a period of seven years, to be reviewed again in 2012.

Also, during its May 2005 meeting, CRSPPP assigned subcommittees to review and discuss: a) the policy documents associated with the petition process for

recognition, b) a suggested taxonomy for the profession, and c) the marketplace forces that are impacting licensing, credentialing, and the recognition of specialties. In addition, CRSPPP reviewed its liaison relationship with the Council of Specialties (CoS), and current activities of the Committee on Accreditation (CoA).

Throughout the year, CRSPPP has also provided forums and other opportunities for APA constituencies to review and comment on the CCOPP document "A Conceptual Framework for Specialization in the Health Service Domain of Professional Psychology."

CRSPPP held an Open Forum during the August 2005 APA Convention held in Washington, DC. The focus of the Open Forum was on the public value of specialty recognition.